

Paul's Jailer BELIEVES in JESUS

Acts 16:16-34

BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

In our Bible story, we learned that Paul and Silas were telling people how to be saved. One day a slave girl who was possessed started to follow them around. Paul became troubled by her, so he commanded the spirit to leave her.

When her owners heard what had happened, they became furious. After all, she had made them a lot of money by predicting the future! So they had Paul and Silas stripped, beaten, and thrown into prison.

- But did Paul and Silas sing the jailhouse blues? Nope! They started singing hymns and praying! Around midnight, an earthquake violently shook the jail doors open, and all of the prisoners' chains came off.

The prison guard just knew that the prisoners had escaped. But when he discovered all of the prisoners still in the jail, he asked Paul and Silas how he could be saved. That night, the prison guard and his whole family were saved and baptized!

Bible Point: Jesus saves us.

Key Verse: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31a).

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Believe in the
Lord Jesus,
and You will
Be **Saved!**

Shake! Shake! Shake!



One night this week, make milkshakes for everyone. After you've made the milkshakes, use a package of sugar wafers to build a small prison by stacking them on a plate. Then have everyone grab hold of the plate and shake it gently, causing the "prison walls" to fall down. Then enjoy your milkshakes and eat some cookies as you review the Bible story of how God used an earthquake to shake the prison and knock down the walls. Then talk about how Paul and Silas remained in jail and how as a result, the jailer believed in Jesus.



PARENT STUMPER

Q: At what time did the violent earthquake occur that opened the doors of the prison where Paul and Silas were kept?



A: about midnight

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily

Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Make a paper chain and hang it in your room. Each morning take a link off the chain and thank God for sending Jesus to save us.
- Ask a parent to read today's Bible story with you. Then pray and thank Jesus for saving you!
- Tell a friend about Jesus, explaining that only Jesus can save us from our sins!

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 1 Peter 1:8

How does believing in Jesus fill you with joy?

TUESDAY Isaiah 38:20

Why is singing a good response to Jesus' salvation?

WEDNESDAY Luke 19:9-10

In what ways are you lost? How can Jesus save you?

THURSDAY John 3:16-17

Why does God offer you salvation? What's the alternative to salvation?

FRIDAY Romans 10:9-10

Why is it important to say what you believe?

SATURDAY Hebrews 10:39

How can knowing you have been saved by Jesus make you bold?